Telephone bills of officers of CSIR

1820 SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of bill paid towards the office telephones of Director General, Joint Secretary, Officer on Special Duty of CSIR and the Directors of each Laboratory/Institute of CSIR during the period 1996—99, year-wise;

(b) the amount of bill paid towards the residential, official telephones of Director General, Joint Secretary and the Directors of each Laboratory/Institute of CSIR during the same period, year-wise; and

(c) the amount of budget allocation and the actual amount paid towards the telephone facility of each Laboratory/Institute of CSIR and the CSIR (HQ) during the same period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Information regarding bill paid towards the office and residential telephones of the Directors of all the CSIR national Labs./Instts. during the period 1996—99, year-wise, is as per Annexure [*See* appendix 189, Annexure No. 51] Information regarding the bill paid towards the office and residential telephones of Director General, Joint Secretary and Officer on Special Duty, CSIR, during the period 1996—99, year-wise, is as per Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 51]

(c) No specific budget allocation for payment of telephone bills is made by CSIR either in respect of National Labs./Instts. or CSIR Head Quarters. Expenditure incurred on payment of telephone bills in both cases is a part of contingent expenditure provided in the allocation. While CSIR makes allocation under the head 'contingent expenditure', detailed allocation under different sub-heads of Contingent Expenditure, including expenditure incurred on account of payment of telephone bills, is made at the Laboratory/Institute level and CSIR Head Quarters locally.

Development of Sarika Aeroplane

†1821. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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